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WASHINGTON, D C—Rep Kika de la Garza has been advised by U S International Boundary and Water Commissioner J F Friedkin that a contract has been awarded for the construction of embankments to close the Old Mission Floodway and the works required to open the new Banker Floodway of the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project.

The contract for the work, located at three different sites near McAllen, went to the L W B Construction Co and McGinnis Bros, Inc, of Comroe. It is for \$2,117,495.

"This work will allow the United States to change over its flood diversions to a single controlled inlet from the Rio Grande in accordance with an international plan with Mexico for improvements designed to guard against such floods as those occurring in 1967", Rep de la Garza said. "The work is scheduled to be completed before next June."

The Congressman said Commissioner Friedkin has advised him that essentially all the improvements to the flood control project are expected to be completed by 1976.

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